

said inside plant portion of said fiber center distributing frame module further comprising a plurality of inside mounting positions wherein each one of said plurality of inside mounting positions is in a designated state selected from a group of operating states including: equipped, unequipped and spare; and
wherein said connection from said outside plant portion to said inside plant portion is made to any one of said plurality of inside mounting positions which is in said equipped operating state.

Please add without prejudice the following new claims:

15. (New) The telecommunications fiber optic infrastructure according to claim 1, wherein said connection from said outside plant portion to said inside plant portion is made by interconnection rather than cross-connection.

16. (New) The telecommunications fiber optic infrastructure according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of outside plant portion termination connections to inside plant portion termination connections is 1 : 2.

17. (New) The telecommunications fiber optic infrastructure according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fiber center distribution frame module includes a plurality of fiber center distribution frame shelves arranged so that all equipped fiber span configurations within the plurality of fiber center distribution frame shelves are interconnectable.

18. (New) The telecommunications fiber optic infrastructure according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of fiber center distribution frame shelves are each configured to accommodate 72 fiber spans.

19. (New) The telecommunications fiber optic infrastructure according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of fiber center distribution frame shelves are each configured to accommodate 144 inside plant portion termination connections.